

# **TOWN OF DAVIE**

## **TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM/PHONE:** Don DiPetrillo, Fire Chief/EMC, (954) 797-1213  
Prepared By: Colleen Ryan, Grants Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** All Districts

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$ 900,000 GRANT FROM THE 2005 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is implementing a new grant program to help fire departments to attain the staffing levels needed for adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. These are five (5) year grants that pay a portion of salaries/benefits for new firefighters hired under the program. DHS will provide up to \$100,000 per position over the grant period. In each year of the grant, the federal share of the new hire's salary and benefits decreases, from \$36,000 in year one to \$12,000 in year four. The Town of Davie is responsible for 100% of the salary and benefit expenses in the fifth year.

Davie will submit a grant application requesting funding for nine (9) firefighter positions over the current number of active firefighters. If the grant is approved, the Town will receive \$900,000 toward the total cost of \$ 4.17 million for these positions.

With this application, the Town Council recognizes the cost-share nature of this program and agrees to do everything in its power to maintain the number of currently authorized/funded positions, plus the new positions awarded under the grant, for the five year grant period.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** None

**CONCURRENCES:** None

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Has request been budgeted? Yes

If yes, expected cost: Town - \$ 430,006 in 1<sup>st</sup> year/SAFER - \$ 324,000 in 1<sup>st</sup> year

Account Name: Personal Services/Fire Operations Acct. #001-0601-522

If no, amount needed: \$

What account will funds be appropriated from:

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Resolution

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$ 900,000 GRANT FROM THE 2005 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has initiated the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER) to assist fire departments with the salary and benefit costs related to the hiring of new firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Davie Fire Rescue will request a SAFER grant to hire nine new firefighters to further assure that the community has adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER program requires a sharing of program expenses between DHS and the Town of Davie under which the local share of the salary and benefit expenses increases over the five year grant period until the Town is responsible for 100% of the payroll costs during the fifth year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the benefits of this program for the community, and will do everything in its power to maintain the number of currently funded positions, plus the new positions awarded under the grant, for the five year grant period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby authorizes the Fire Chief and/or his designee, to submit a grant application to the 2005 SAFER grants program for the hiring of nine new firefighters, requesting \$900,000 in grant funds and providing \$3.27 million in matching funds over the five year grant period.

SECTION 2. The Town Council authorizes the Fire Chief and/or his designee to accept and implement the grant, if awarded, and to execute all necessary grant contracts and documents.

SECTION 3. The Town Council authorizes the Director of Budget and Finance to recognize grant revenue and appropriate the required match into the Fire Department budget, if awarded the grant.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

# **Program Guidance for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants**

**May 2005**

This document provides a summary of the priorities for funding of the 2005 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Please read this program guidance carefully because it explains how to apply, what items can be requested, and how applications will be evaluated. The Interim Final Rule (once published), the applicants' online tutorial, and the Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) should also be reviewed when made available on the Website of the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) of DHS. Together, these four documents will provide applicants with the information they need to complete the online application. The online application will be available at [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com) on or about May 31, 2005.



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*Prepared by the Office for Domestic Preparedness and the U.S. Fire Administration*

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